

## Message Text

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CINCPAC FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE

E.O. 11652: XGDS-3  
TAGS: CASC, VM, US  
SUBJECT: AMERICAN YACHT BRILLIG

1. SRV LIAISON OFFICER DO THANH GAVE EMBOFF AT  
10:30 DECEMBER 28 THE FOLLOWING ORAL MESSAGE FROM  
HANOI:

A. AS ANNOUNCED DECEMBER 24, THE VIETNAMESE  
GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO RELEASE THE YACHT BRILLIG  
AND ITS CREW. SINCE THE YACHT IS DAMAGED AND NOT IN  
SUITABLE CONDITION, IT WILL TAKE A FEW DAYS FOR  
REPAIRS BEFORE THE RELEASE.

B. GIVEN THAT THE YACHT CARRIED 600 KILOS OF  
MARIJUANA, THE SRV HAS LEVIED A FINE OF U.S. \$243,000  
ACCORDING TO THE CUSTOMS TARIF OF VIETNAM.

C. SINCE THE RESOLUTION OF THE BRILLIG AFFAIR WAS  
REQUESTED BY THE AMERICAN PARTY, THE SRV ASKS THE  
AMERICAN GOVERNMENT TO GIVE ASSURANCES THAT THE PERSONS  
INVOLVED WILL PAY THE FINE ACCORDING TO THE VIETNAMESE  
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STATUTES.

2. DO THANH SAID THAT THE FIRST TWO POINTS WERE  
OBVIOUSLY FOR OUR INFORMATION, BUT THAT HIS  
GOVERNMENT IS WAITING FOR OUR REPLY CONCERNING THE  
GUARANTEE REQUESTED IN THE THIRD POINT. DO THANH  
THOUGHT THAT THE REPAIRS WOULD BE INITIATED NOW,

BUT IT SEEMED CLEAR THAT THE YACHT WOULD NOT  
BE RELEASED UNTIL THERE HAS BEEN SOME  
REPLY SATISFACTORY TO THE SRV CONCERNING THE FINE.  
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